

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A hand tool comprising:

5 (a) a frame having a distal portion and a proximal portion, said proximal portion having at least one proximal end;

10 (b) a working element operably coupled to a distal end of said distal portion, said working element having a working portion that is oriented along a first direction with respect to said frame;

(c) a handle means pivotally coupled to said frame at a portion thereof intermediate said proximal end and said distal end; and

15 (d) a brace means operably coupled to said proximal end of said frame, said brace means being configured to operably brace against an upper side of a user's forearm while the user operably grasps said handle means.

20 2. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said proximal portion of said frame diverges from said intermediate portion into two spaced apart and substantially parallelly disposed proximal members.

25 3. A hand tool as in Claim 2 wherein said brace means extends between said proximal members.

4. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said brace means is fabricated from a resilient material.

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5. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said working element is removably secured to said frame.

6. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said handle means includes a coupling means for pivoting and locking engagement with said intermediate portion of said frame, 5 said coupling means having one or more pivoting engagement receptacles and one or more locking engagement receptacles integrally formed therewith.

7. A hand tool as in Claim 6 wherein said coupling 10 means is configured to lockingly engage to said frame such that said handle means is operably and detachably fixed in an orientation along a second direction with respect to said frame, which second direction is substantially opposed to said first direction.

15 8. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said handle means is removably securable to said frame.